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SUBJ: PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA WELCOMES PRESIDENT NIXON'S

ACTION IN LIFTING FMS SANCTION AND AGREES TO TALKS ON
FISHING PROBLEM

REF: STATE 106328, 106329, QUITO 0582

1. I MET WITH PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA AT 7:00 P.M. IN HIS
OFFICE, THE HOUR HAVING BEEN ADVANCED IN ORDER TO ALLOW HIM
TO KEEP ANOTHER APPOINTMENT. WE WERE ALONE TOGETHER FOR
APPROXIMATELY HALF AN HOUR.

2. AFTER EXCHANGING PLEASANTRIES, I PROCEEDED TO CARRY OUT
THE INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTELS. (A COPY OF MY SPANISH NOTES
OUTLINING MY PRESENTATION WILL BE POUCHED TO ARA/EP.) THE
PRESIDENT LISTENED CLOSELY, INTERRUPTING ME AT SEVERAL
JUNCTURES TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DEBT, THE CONDITIONS
FOR RESUMING TRAINING, ETC.

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3. AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY PRESENTATION THE PRESIDENT SAID HE HEARTILY WELCOMED THE NEWS OF THE LIFTING OF THE FMS SANCTION: "THIS IS A GREAT DAY", WERE HIS PRECISE WORDS. HE LAMENTED THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH HAD LED TO A SEVERENCE OF THE TRADITIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ECUADOR AND EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE THAT IT WOULD NOW BE RESUMED. REFERRING TO HIS SALINAS SPEECH (QUITO 0386), HE SAID THAT ECUADOR WAS NOT GOING TO ENGAGE IN AN ARMAMENTS RACE BUT THAT IT HAD A LEGITIMATE NEED TO RE-EQUIP ITS ARMED FORCES BOTH IN ORDER TO DEFEND THE NATION EXTERNALLY AND TO BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH ANY INTERNAL PROBLEM WHICH MIGHT ARISE. TRADITIONALLY ALL THE ARMED FORCES HAD LOOKED TO THE U.S. FOR MATERIEL AND TRAINING; HE HIMSELF WAS A GRADUATE OF LEAVENWORTH AND HAD BEEN AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE CANAL ZONE FOR TWO YEARS.

4. SINCE THE LAST SANCTION AGAINST ECUADOR HAD NOW BEEN LIFTED, THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED, HE WELCOMED AND AGREED TO OUR PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO TALKS ON THE FISHING PROBLEM. HE PARTICULARLY LIKED THE SUGGESTION THAT SOME KIND OF ASSOCIATION MIGHT BE WORKED OUT, MENTIONING THE POSSIBILITY OF EITHER THE FORMATION OF A "MIXED" COMPANY WITH AMERICAN CAPITAL OR AN ARRANGEMENT IN WHICH THE AMERICAN INDUSTRY WOULD ASSIST ECUADOR. THIS, HE SAID, MIGHT WELL BE THE ANSWER.

5. AS TO SEIZURES OF AMERICAN BOATS, THE PRESIDENT SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO SEIZURES BECAUSE THE BOATS HAD NOT BEEN IN ECUADOREAN WATERS. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE BOTH OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO COOPERATE IN SOLVING THIS PROBLEM: FOR OUR PART, THE AMERICAN BOATS COULD BUY LICENSES. (I DID NOT RESPOND TO THIS, DECIDING TO LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE.)

6. TURNING THEN TO THE COMING LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN CARACAS, THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE THAT THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD WHO WOULD BE REPRESENTED THERE WOULD COME TO SOME AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM, POSSIBLY SOME KIND OF PATRIMONIAL SEA. AT THIS POINT I REITERATED THE VIEW I HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED THAT I HOPED IN OUR TALKS ON THE FISHING PROBLEM WE WOULD

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BE ABLE TO LEAVE THE QUESTION OF OUR RESPECTIVE LAW OF THE SEA AND JURIDICAL POSITIONS TO ONE SIDE.

7. THE PRESIDENT SHOWED SOME EMBARRASSMENT WITH REFERENCE TO THE DEBT ARREARAGE, STATING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ONLY RECENTLY BECOME AWARE OF ITS EXISTENCE AND WAS TRYING TO ASSEMBLE THE DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO IT. IN ANY EVENT, HE WOULD SEE THAT IT WAS PAID.

8. ON PUBLICITY, THE PRESIDENT SAID ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS
WOULD BE COORDINATED WITH US.

9. WHEN I ASKED THE PRESIDENT HOW HE WISHED ME TO PROCEED,
HE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD HAVE THE FOREIGN MINISTER GET IN
TOUCH WITH ME SO THAT THE TWO OF US COULD EXCHANGE IDEAS ON HOW TO
CONDUCT THE FISHING TALKS. HE SUGGESTED A COMMISSION MADE UP
OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND ME, THE SUB-DIRECTOR OF NATURAL
RESOURCES, US OFFICIALS, ETC.

10. COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL THROUGHOUT. HE
SEEMED GENUINELY DELIGHTED AT THE NEWS OF THE LIFTING OF
FMS AND ACCEPTED IMMEDIATELY AND WITHOUT RESERVATION THE
PROPOSAL OF FISHING TALKS. HE DID NOT REACT TO MY
SUGGESTION THAT TALKS BE BASICALLY ON AN INDUSTRY-TO-
INDUSTRY BASIS, BUT I WILL TRY TO GET THAT POINT ACROSS
WHEN I MEET WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHICH MAY BE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31 WHEN I AM SCHEDULED TO SEE HIM
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